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EDITORIAL NOTE

The April number of *Modern Philology* will complete the eleventh volume. With Vol. XII a new mode of publication will be adopted. Instead of appearing four times a year in numbers of approximately one hundred and fifty pages, it will appear in ten numbers of approximately sixty-four pages each. The months of publication will be October to July inclusive; but the volume will begin with the May issue, this year and hereafter. The issues of May, October, and January will be devoted to articles in the field of English; those of June, November, and February to articles in the field of German; those of July, December, and March to articles in the field of the Romance languages and literatures; and the April issue to articles on comparative literature, critical theory, and general linguistics. No change will be made in editorial policy or in typographical style.

It is believed that subscribers will find it advantageous to have the articles in each field brought together in separate numbers instead of being scattered indiscriminately through the volume, as has hitherto been the case. And it is thought that persons who wish to secure extra copies of an article will welcome this change, as it reduces the size and price of the separate numbers.

Our main purpose, however, in making the change is to bring out more clearly the fact that *Modern Philology* is not a mere fortuitous miscellany of articles in the field of the modern languages and literatures, but a medium for the publication of the best results of research in each of the great fields to which it is devoted. We hope and believe that the new mode of publication will enable the student in each of these fields to recognize more clearly the importance of *Modern Philology* for his own studies.

An indirect but important result for which we also hope is the enlargement of *Modern Philology*. If the new mode of publication should result, as we believe it will, in the increase of our subscription list, we shall be able to increase the number of pages of *Modern Philology*.

This is a result greatly to be wished. The present channels for the publication of the fruits of research in our field are entirely inadequate. Notwithstanding the increase in the number and size of these channels of publication and the general raising of the standards of scholarship in all of them, editors are often reluctantly obliged, by the demands upon their space, to postpone for as long even as one or two years the publication of articles of great interest and value. This ought not to be the case. The remedy lies in increasing the subscription list of the periodicals. Our business department will begin a campaign for this purpose in a few weeks, and we appeal to our subscribers and other friends for aid in this effort, the ultimate purpose of which is the increase of the means of publication in the field of our work.